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# *Friends of Michigan History, Inc.*

## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Michigan Historical Museum**

**Lansing, Michigan**

**July 13, 2009**

### **Call to Order**

President Bus Spaniola called the of the Board of Directors (Board) meeting of the Friends of Michigan History, Inc. (Friends) to order at 10:00 A.M.

*Board Members Present:* Larry Griffin, John Irwin, Rose Moye, Charles Seeley, Ralph Sims, Bus Spaniola, Paul Tarr, Morris Thomas, Tom Truscott, Bill Wellman, and Geneva Wiskemann.

*Board Members Absent:* Adriana Greci Green, Keith Harrison, Richard Johnson, and Louise Stilwill.

*Board Members Excused:* Adriana Greci Green, Keith Harrison, Richard Johnson, and Louise Stilwill.

*Michigan Historical Museum (Museum) Staff Present:* Phil Kwiatkowski.

### **Approval of Agenda**

***A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented; motion passed.***

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

***A motion was made and seconded to approve as transmitted the minutes from the June Board meeting; motion passed.***

### **President's Report**

In lieu of the President's report, President Spaniola introduced Sandra Clark, Director of the Michigan Historical Center, Sandra indicated that there would be an executive order issued shortly abolishing the Department of History, Arts, and Libraries (HAL) and transferring the various functions of HAL to other state departments, agencies, and commissions.

In April, the Michigan History Foundation hired a consultant to develop a realistic plan for the future sustainability of the Historical Center by transferring the enterprise programs of the Center to the Foundation. The Foundation would like to expand the scope of its private/public partnership with the Center to create history programs that will help shape and serve the 21st century Michigan.

The plan details how the Foundation would like to manage the Museum Store, Michigan Historical Museum admissions, Michigan Historical Museum membership, e-commerce, and the *Michigan History Magazine* starting in FY 2010.

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She also indicated that some type of Board would be established that would carry on promoting the understanding of state history and the cultural diversity programs of Michigan.

***A motion was made and seconded that the Executive Committee should negotiate with the Foundation to see what/how the Friends can contribute with assisting the programs to continue once the HAL structure is abolished; motion passed.***

### **Treasurer Report**

BALANCE	5-31-09	\$7,494.19
DEPOSITS	6-3-09	+ 362.20
	6-15-09	<u>1.00</u>
TOTAL		\$7,857.39

#### Cash Checks

1447	Walker Tavern	103.00	
1448	Skinner Adv	172.57	
1449	MI Hist Fdn	370.67	
1450	Olivia Russell	150.00	
1451	Freya Knizz	150.00	
1452	Emily Keller	150.00	
1453	Tami Averill	44.11	
1454	O'Dell Catering	<u>113.75</u>	
TOTAL		\$1,254.10	<u>-\$1,254.10</u>

BALANCE	6-30-09	\$6,603.29
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Benevolent Fund            \$50.00

***A motion was made and seconded to approve, as transmitted, the Treasurer's report; motion passed.***

### **Presentation of Bills**

No report.

### **Museum Report**

Phil Kwiatkowshi reported that he is waiting for direction regarding what will happen to all the sites, travel brochures, hotel guides, contracts, interpretative programs, etc.

### **Committee Reports**

A. *2009 Veterans Day Program Committee.* (Paul Tarr and Larry Griffin – Co chairs): Paul Tarr mentioned that he working on getting a helicopter and a hummer for the Veterans Day program celebration.

B. *Membership Committee* (Keith Harrison – Chair). No report.

C. *Board Nominating Committee* (Charles Seeley and Tom Truscott). No report.

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D. *Magazine/Military Committee (Paul Tarr – Chair)*. No report .

E. *Grants Committee (Adriana Greci Green - Chair)*. No report.

F. *Newsletter Committee (Paul Tarr and Bill Wellman, Co-chairs)*. Paul Tarr circulated a handout regarding the newsletter indicating that it would be published 3 times per year, with editorial content of every issue, along with the deadlines listed (Attached).

G. *Fund Raising Committee (Bus Spaniola - Chair)*. President Spaniola distributed a flyer to the Charlevoix area's historical sites planned for Wednesday, September 30, 2009 (Attached).

H. *Calendar (2011) Committee (Tom Truscott & Rose Moye, Co-chairs)*. No report.

I. *Bylaws (Paul Tarr – Chair)*. No report.

### **Old Business**

A. *History License Plates*. There was nothing new to report.

B. *IRS Group Exemption Application Status*. There has been no notification regarding the Friends' letter application to the Internal Revenue Service for a Group Exemption Number.

### **New Business**

There was no new business presented.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

*Rose Moye*

Rose Moye, Secretary Pro Temp.

Board of Directors

Friends of Michigan History, Inc.

**The next Board meeting will be Monday, August 10, 2009 in Lansing.**

## **Attachments: Meeting Handouts**

### ***INSIDE MICHIGAN HISTORY***

Published 3 times a year, 500 copies

January-Mar.-April-May, June-July-Aug.-Sept., and Oct.-Nov.-Dec.-Jan.

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### **EDITORIAL CONTENT EVERY ISSUE**

President's Report....President, Bus Spaniola

Financial Report....Treasurer, Dick Johnson

Annual Report....Exception to every Issue...

Secretary, Keith Harrison

Special Events...Special Events Chairpersons...?

Legislative Activity

Collette Travel & FOMH Member discount...Repeat each issue.

New Friends... Jennifer Sochor

Renewing Friends....Jennifer Sochor Membership Application....Repeat each issue.

Board Meetings and Event Dates. Keith Harrison

Board Briefs....Keith Harrison

Museum Report....Phil Kwiatkowski

Who we are? Filler as needed.

How to Submit Copy....repeat each issue

FOHM Board members and email addresses....requires board approval

### **ARTICLES IN PROGRESS**

Michigan History Geography...Legacy Landscape Road Show....Morris Thomas

Veterans Recognition Day...Paul Tarr

Muster Dates

Great Lakes Maritime....Bill Wellman

Juneteenth....Ralph Sims

HAL updates....Paul Tarr

Editorial Committee Paul Tar

Bill Wellman, Jennifer Sochor

**Friends of Michigan History Fund Raiser**  
Motorcoach Tour of Charlevoix Area's Historical Sites  
Wednesday, September 30, 2009  
Trip Cost: \$95 per person

Pickup	Meijers- Lake Lansing Rd 1350 W. Lake Lansing Rd East Lansing	7:30 am
Drop-off	Legs Inn - Lunch Included Cross Village, MI	11:00 am
Pickup	Legs Inn Depart for Charlevoix, MI	12:30 pm
Pickup	Dave Miles, The Step On Guide For a One hour History Tour – Prepaid	1:30 pm
Drop-off	Castle Farms 2 1/2 Hours - Prepaid Charlevoix	3:00 pm
Pickup	Castle Farms Depart for Lansing	5:30 pm
	Approximate Arrival Time	10:00 pm

The Driver will stop about midway on the return for a light supper on your own.

**Trip Highlights**

Legs Inn is listed in "Michigan Curiosities" by Colleen Burcar & Gene Taylor.  
Enjoy a ride through a "tunnel of trees".

The Inn specializes in Polish food and also serves American dishes.

In Charlevoix, Mr. Miles will present a very informative historical tour that will include some unique and fascinating homes built by Earl Young.

Just south of Charlevoix - Explore the majestic castle and beautiful garden courtyard of Castle Farms. The Castle was built in 1918 and has undergone many re •rations.

Make your reservation early, as this tour will fill up fast. Reservation Deadline Sept. 01.

For reservations and information phone: Barb Fensel - 517-321-8691

Make checks payable to: Fab Travel LLC and mail to: 1412 Stoney Point Lansing, MI 48917 Please include name(s), address and phone number with payment.

Unforeseen circumstances may result in itinerary, scheduled times and pricing changes.